

Chippewa County Department of Veteran's Affairs

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Board of Directors:
Robert Wilson
Chairman Dale French
Secretary Brooks Partridge

Paul Clement

DATE: Jun 25, 2013

TIME: 5:00 PM PLACE: 319 Court St.

ROLL CALL:	Dale French	Chairman	Present
	Brooks Partridge	Secretary	Present
	Robert Wilson	Member	Present
	Paul Clement	Member	Present
	Don Cooper	Liaison	Present

READING OF LAST MINUTES

Motion by Paul Clement second by Robert Wilson to approve the minutes. Approved

MONTHLY REPORT

The office was open nineteen days May 28, 2013 to Jun 25, 2013

BURIALS

<u>CEMETERY</u>	<u>VETERAN/SPOUSE</u>	<u>FUNERAL HOME</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1. none			

OLD BUSINESS

1. none

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by Paul Clement second by Robert Wilson to pay the City of Sault Ste Marie \$135.00 each for the headstone settings for Domenic Antonelli, Walter Poliski and Jon Lewis. Approved
Total \$135.00
2. Motion by Paul Clement, second by Brooks Partridge to pay St. Peter Monuments \$45.00 for the headstone setting for Jim MacLare. Approved Total \$45.00

VETERANS AFFAIRS BOARD MEETING FOR JUNE 2013 (cont)

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Commissioners Kinsella and McLean present and expressed that there was a definite misunderstanding of the Board's opinion at their last meeting about having the Veterans Affairs office go part time and that they felt blindsided by the Board's letter to the Editor of the Sault Evening News stating the Commissioners voted to cut the hours of the office against their wishes. The Board stated it was a mutual feeling from the other perspective. There was much discussion about the office hours and possible future outreach to Mackinac and Luce Counties to do VA Benefits. The final agreement was to leave things as they were as the Veterans of Chippewa County deserved a full time service officer.
2. Chairman French read from Michigan Law Pertaining to Veterans Public Act 192 of 1953 under which Chippewa County operates. 35.623 Administrative committee of county department. Sec 3. States that the County Veterans Affairs Board shall appoint a veterans service officer. This has been the practice in the past and that's the way it should be now. The veterans affairs Board with the County Administrator would be tasked with finding a new service officer. The Commissioner from the Personnel Committee stated they were not aware of the law and were in full agreement that Board should do the hiring.
3. There was some discussion about the letter from Joshua Parrish from Livingston County Veterans Affairs Office about Public Act 214, which the county is no longer under having switched to Public Act 192, and to levy a tax on all property owners not to exceed a 10th of a mill to set up a Veterans Relief Fund. All present agreed that this was a discussion for a later time. Chairman French stated that with the present system of Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and the veterans assistance fund from the Counties General fund things were working very well.

Meeting adjourned 18:00

NEXT MEETING

The board will meet next on Jul 30, 2013, at 05:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted.

Chippewa County Department of Veteran's Affairs Board of Directors

James B. Shogren, Counselor

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